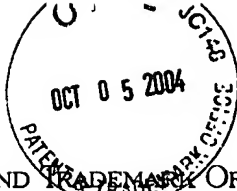




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10/799,442	03/12/2004	Pandian Senthil Kumar	KSP-1003-US

CONFIRMATION NO. 6246

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

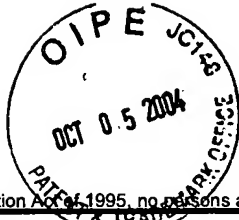
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- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$900** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 660

## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/799,442
Filing Date	March 12, 2004
First Named Inventor	Pandian Senthil Kumar et al.
Examiner Name	N/A
Art Unit	N/A; Confirmation No.: 6246
Attorney Docket No.	KSP-1003US

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
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1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ ) 385

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	20	-20** =		X \$9	
Independent Claims	1	-3** =		X \$43	
Multiple Dependent					

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1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$65
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
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1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ ) 275

## SUBMITTED BY

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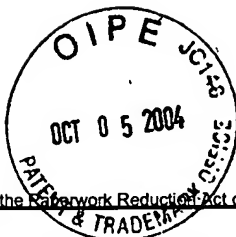
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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/799,442	
	Filing Date	March 12, 2004	
	First Named Inventor	Pandian Senthil Kumar et al.	
	Art Unit	N/A; Confirmation No. 6246	
	Examiner Name	N/A	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	10	Attorney Docket Number	KSP-1003US

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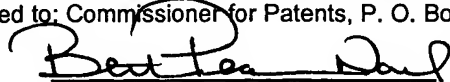
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Serial No.: 10/799,442	§	
	§	Examiner: Not Assigned
Filing Date: March 12, 2004	§	
	§	Group Art No.: N/A
Title: "Process for Preparation of Free Standing Membranes"	§	
	§	Confirmation No.: 6246

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In response to the form Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, mailed June 4, 2004, please find enclosed fee transmittal PTO/SB/17 for the reference application and a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the named inventor for the reference application. Also enclosed is a copy of the form entitled Notice to File Missing Parts of an Application Filing Date Granted.

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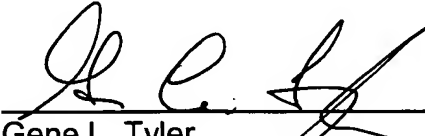
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Respectfully submitted,

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